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FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF NEWS ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED
IN PARIS'S "LE FIGARO" OF JUNE 7, 1978:

- 125 WITNESSES CALLED IN DUSSELDORF TRIAL
- 1000 SECRET NATO DOCUMENTS DELIVERED
- TO EAST GERMANY BY LUTZE COUPLE

OPENING YESTERDAY BEFORE THE DUSSELDORF COURT WAS THE
TRIAL OF THE TWO SPIES, LATHAR AND RENATE LUTZE, AND
FOUR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE WEST GERMAN MOD. 125 WITNESSES
AND 45 EXPERTS WILL BE HEARD AT THE BAR.

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THE CASE, DISCOVERED IN 1976, WAS CONSIDERED AT THE TIME
THE MOST IMPORTANT DISCOVERED IN THE FRG AND ONE OF THE
WORST BLOWS SUFFERED BY NATO BY THE SECRET SERVICES OF
THE WARSAW PACT.

RENAME LUTZE IS ACCUSED OF HAVING PASSED TO EAST GERMANY

FROM 1972 TO 1976 ABOUT 1000 SECRET DOCUMENTS OF THE ATLANTIC ORGANIZATION. SHE HAD MADE USE OF THE POSSIBILITIES AFFORDED BY HER POSITION AS SECRETARY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY'S SOCIAL SERVICE. TWO INVESTIGATIONS, AFTER SHE HAD BEEN SUSPECTED, YIELDED NO RESULTS.

THE STOLEN DOCUMENTS, FIRST REPORTED AS TOP SECRET, TURNED OUT TO BE LESS IMPORTANT. MOST OF THEM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, COMBAT PLANS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IN THE OPENING DAYS OF A WAR. BENNETT

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